



PATENT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yusihi IHARA  
Serial No. : 09/640,629  
For : IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS, PRINTING METHOD AND APPARATUS, IMAGE PRINTING SYSTEMS AND METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	12	Minus	** = 20	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	= \$ .00
Independent claims	8	Minus	*** = 8	* 0 x	\$86 (43)	= \$ .00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ .00

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
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